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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 28 August 1969

* DDI reported on yesterday's briefing of General Maxwell Taylor and Admiral Anderson of PFIAB by  and Dave Brandwein on indicators of Soviet capabilities or intentions to launch a first strike on the US. Bross commented that the briefing was one of the best he had seen. The Director said that he and General Cushman wanted to receive the briefing soon after Labor Day.

Lehman for Godfrey reported on growing press speculation on the possibility of a Soviet attack on Chinese nuclear facilities.



Bannerman noted that the first showing of the pre-cut version of the Agency film would be held this afternoon.

Carver reported on this morning's TV appearance by an ex-Marine and critic of the Vietnam war, William Corson, who incorrectly gave the impression that he had worked for CIA.

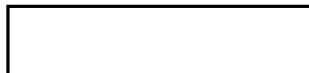
Carver said that Secretary Laird's memorandum responding to NSSM 36 would contain a footnote outlining the Agency's position on enemy logistics in Laos. DDI commented that there are indications that Secretary Laird may by-pass the NSC Review Group and take his memorandum to the President.

Carver commented briefly on the differing statements made yesterday by State and Defense on enemy replacement rates in Vietnam.

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Houston reported that he expected to have a coordinated draft letter to Laird for the Director's consideration later in the morning.

Bross reported that he would have lunch today with Admiral Raborn to discuss Froehlke's reorganization of intelligence in the Pentagon.

Duckett reported that a list of classified Government documents relating to defense contracts, which had been compromised by student radicals at Stanford University, did not contain any papers from the Agency.

Karamessines reported that a recent Cuban defector claimed to have participated in firings of the SA-2 against both air and surface targets.

Karamessines noted that recent press reports concerning a stolen classified US-NATO document involve material which was originally surfaced a year and a half ago. Efforts to exploit this document and to implicate the former Deputy Chief of the BND in its disappearance are a psychological warfare operation by the KGB.

* The Director asked Carver and Houston to prepare a list of documents desired by the Agency on the Green Beret case which will be submitted to Army Under Secretary Beal. The Director asked Karamessines to transmit the request for the documents to Mr. Beal.

General Cushman informed the Director that he would meet this morning with the DDI, DDS&T, and D/ONE to prepare recommendations for a response to DDR&E Foster's proposal for an IDA intelligence assessment of the Soviet R&D program.



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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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